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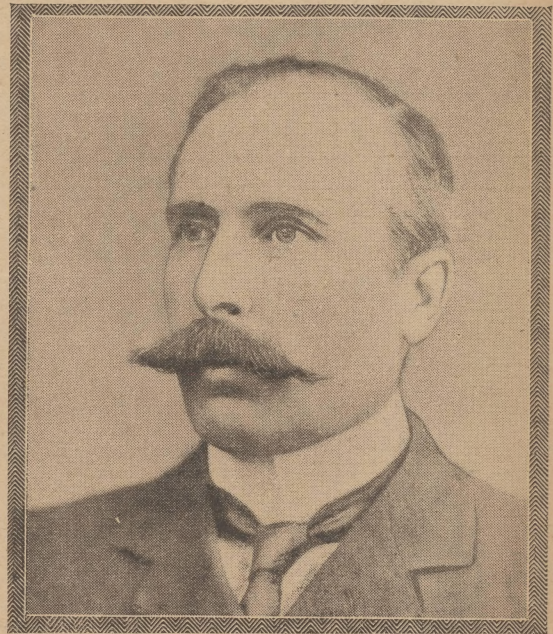
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1906.

One Halfpenny.

THE GREAT FIGHT AT BIRMINGHAM TO-DAY—WHAT WILL HAPPEN?



Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the leader of the tariff reform crusade, is fighting the battle of his life at the polls at Birmingham to-day.



Mr. R. L. Outhwaite, an Australian working man, who is fighting Mr. Chamberlain on a free trade and Home Rule programme.

SIR EDWARD CLARKE IN THE CITY.



For the first time for twenty years there was a contested election in the City. Sir Edward Clarke, with his back to the horses, is driving in the City with Lady Clarke.

MR. JOHN BURNS AT BATTERSEA.



The President of the Local Government Board spent the whole of yesterday driving round Battersea in a motor-car. He is wearing his election colours, and surrounded by an enthusiastic group of his supporters.

CURE THAT COUGH

It hurts the lungs—
keeps them raw—pre-
vents their healing. It
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DAILY BARGAINS.

Dress.

A.A.—Suits, 34s.; Overcoats, 30s.; 4s. monthly.—Wittam, 231, Old-st. E.C.

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GRATIS to every lady, "Hosiery, the Perfect" Sanitary Towel, with giraffe to fit any waist, free by post.—The Hosiery Co., Nottingham.

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BLANKETS, quilts, Sheets, Bed-covers, and Drapery of every

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Our special weather forecast for to-day is: Variable gusty south-westerly winds; changeable rain at times; mild.
Lighting-up time, 5.20 p.m.
Sea passages will be rough generally.

LADY VIOLET WATT LOSES HER CASE.

Mrs. Julia Watt Recovers £2,000
in the Famous Libel Action.

SAD HUMAN STORY.

Mr. Hugh Watt, ex-M.P. for Glasgow, is now a convict serving a term of penal servitude.

The monetary value of convicts as husbands is not usually regarded as very high, but in spite of the disaster that has overwhelmed him, Mr. Watt was valued by a King's Bench special jury yesterday at £2,000.

This sum was awarded to Mrs. Julia Watt, who is still, in the eyes of the law, Mr. Watt's wife, as damages technically for libel, but the money was in reality compensation for the fact that Lady Violet Beauchamp, who has now by deed pooled assumed the name of Lady Violet Watt, deprived Mrs. Watt of a husband.

"Mrs. Watt tried to do her duty to her husband. She tried to retain his affections," said Mr. Justice Bigham in summing up.

Yesterday's case was a retrial of the Watt v. Beauchamp libel case, which first came before the High Courts when Mr. Watt still held his head high in the world—before he had been branded at the Old Bailey as a man who had endeavoured to secure the death by foul means of the woman he had vowed to protect. On that first occasion the jury assessed the damages at £5,000.

Extravagant Verdict.

The Court of Appeal considered that this sum was extravagant for the words "d—l" and "criminal," and directed a retrial, unless a reduction of the amount to £2,500 was agreed upon.

From the first it was apparent that the reduction would not take long. Lady Violet Beauchamp was not in court to defend the letter, found by Mrs. Watt on her husband's table, which reads as follows:—

My darling Hugh, I have been thinking of you all this evening. I love you intensely. I do feel it so having to part with you for a little time. Not to be with you is unbearable. I only trust that the time will not be long before we may always be together, and I will do all I can. Then I am sure you will be happy and comfortable.

It will be my greatest pleasure to do all I can to save you trouble. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to me. Remember I am ready any time that you want me. The time I have spent with you was the happiest I ever spent in my life.

Do, darling, take great care of yourself, and I shall never be happy till you are quite away from that creature. I look upon her as a real d—l and criminal in human form. We must make the most of the future.

Fight of Rivals.

Mr. Duke, K.C., repeated the unhappy story of the coming of Lady Violet Beauchamp into the lives of the Watts in order to explain the situation when Lady Violet denounced her rival. Mrs. Watt had been struggling piously to snatch her husband from Lady Violet's illicit spell. She had succeeded in getting him away from the presence of the woman who openly carried him in drawing-rooms, and had taken him to Dieppe.

Thither came by letter the cruel suggestion that Mr. Watt was not safe with his wife. This calumny, Mr. Duke pointed out, afterwards took a more pronounced form. Mrs. Watt was accused in Lady Violet's presence of attempting to poison her husband.

Without emotion, for she has told her luckless story in so many witness-boxes and consulting-rooms that its recital has become almost a commonplace to her, Mrs. Watt supported her counsel's statement.

To Protect Herself.

In cross-examination she emphatically denied a suggestion made by Lady Violet's counsel. She had good and sufficient reason for not getting the decree nisi obtained against her husband made absolute. Her motive was not to prevent the marriage of Mr. Watt and Lady Violet. It was to protect her own financial interests.

"A horrible libel," was Mr. Justice Bigham's phrase as he directed the jury to award "substantial but not absurd" damages.

By a coincidence a judgment summons against a daughter of Sir Reginald Beauchamp, who divorced Lady Violet for her guilty association with Mr. Watt, was mentioned in the Westminster County Court yesterday. The consideration of this matter was adjourned.

HERO OF EIGHTY DIES IN VAIN.

When Martin Fawcett, the middle-aged caretaker of the Sligo reservoir, accidentally fell into the basin, his father and his wife, hearing his shouts, rushed to the spot.

The former, who is eighty years old, jumped in to save his son, but both were drowned.

FIRST LADY VOTER.

Miss Bussey Tells How She Exercised the Franchise at the Elections.

Probably the most-talked-of woman in London to-day is Miss Alwin Bussey, the one woman who has voted in the parliamentary election.

"It is amusing," she confessed, "but I have been quite upset by the publicity. I am told I am the only woman who ever voted for a parliamentary candidate."

Miss Bussey was interviewed by the *Daily Mirror* as she sat at the piano in her music studio at 66, Wells-street, Oxford-circus.

"Long before Christmas I began to receive great quantities of campaign literature. Most of it went into the fire, but when I received papers addressed to 'A. Bussey, Esq.," I determined to vote."

"On East Marylebone election day a two-horse carriage drove up to the door. I was told that it came to take me to the polls. Of course, I went; I don't see why women should not vote. Then the trouble began."

"Even the policeman laughed at me. He said women couldn't vote."

"Give us time, madam, to look into the books," said an officer.

"If you have my name and address you cannot refuse," she replied.

"Can't you come back this afternoon?" pleaded the embarrassed election officer.

Let the lady vote," interpolated Mr. Samuel Chick, L.C.C., Miss Bussey's landlord. There was a conference lasting many minutes."

Miss Bussey voted!

Miss Bussey is of German extraction, and for twelve years has taken the principal parts in German opera. She has sung at Sunday concerts at the Albert Hall. She teaches German songs, classic and modern.

"QUEENS OF THE MARKETS."

English Girls May Take Part in the Paris Mid-Lent Carnival Procession.

The hearts of all the pretty girls in the London markets are a-flutter with pleasurable excitement to-day.

The students of Paris last year invited the market "queens" from many Italian cities, and entertained them right royally at the great Mid-Lent Festival. Now they propose to invite pretty girls from the London markets to join in this year's procession and gaieties.

In London, however, there are no "queens," and if the idea is to be carried out special elections will be necessary.

But this is not an insuperable difficulty in the opinion of the English market girls. "There are plenty of pretty girls amongst us," said one of them to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "and we could soon pick out those we wished to send."

RIFLE RANGE IN HOTEL CELLAR.

Lord Roberts Asked to Open It for a Club, Which Makes a Promising Start.

The only miniature rifle range in the South-East of London—situated in the basement of the Tower Bridge Hotel—is to be opened at the end of this month, Lord Roberts having been asked to perform the ceremony.

It is to be used by the Tower Bridge Rifle Club, which is affiliated to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs and to the National Rifle Association.

"About seventy members have joined so far," said Mr. Devereux, the founder of the club, to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "About twenty-five of them are teetotalers."

ARTIFICIAL YELLS.

Gramophone as Substitute for Supers in Mr. Tree's "Nero."

NOVEL STAGE EFFECT.

"Down with Nero. Fire! Groans."

The sounds were ear-splitting, and every window was closed tight to keep the police from rushing in upon hearing the shrieks. It was a terrible moment.

"Fire! For God's sake save—Down with Nero!"

All this blood-curdling pandemonium of screams, despairing appeals for mercy, hoarse shouts of execration, shrieks as of those suffering unbearable pain, took place last night in London, not in the most desperate quarter of the town, but on the top floor of a large building in Finsbury-square.

The scene was an extraordinary one. About a dozen men and half as many women were grouped in the centre of the room, their faces contorted into agonised expressions as they rent the air with ear-piercing yells. The noise was enough to strike terror into the stoutest heart, yet it was capable of a very simple explanation.

The agonised men and the pretty young women, with terror-stricken faces, were merely shouting part of the great fire scene in the last act of Mr. Beerbohm Tree's forthcoming play, "Nero," into a gramophone.

There was one man present who was perfectly self-possessed throughout all the tumult of sound. He was the manager. "Everybody crowd round the horns," he commanded. "That's all right, but before we start the recording instrument we'll have a try to see how it goes."

Diaphragm Nearly Broken.

Groans and shrieks followed this suggestion, and the manager smiled at the realistic result. "Now wait until I give the signal," he cried.

"Wow—Down! Ugh! Groans!" Piercing cries came from the women. Then a bugle-call sounded above the awful din. This was the bugle of the Pretorian Guards marching on Rome.

"I'm afraid we overdid it that time," said the manager. "The record is faultily—the ladies nearly broke the diaphragm."

"Have you got any liquorice lozenges?" inquired one of the young women, whose figure was rather that of the lithe and sprightly Gibson girl than of a stately Roman beauty. "All this screaming is terribly hard on the throat," she explained.

Another disc was taken for the first act, in which Mr. King, the stage-manager of His Majesty's, led the cheering. It was so lusty and realistic that most of the men present took off their hats and waved them as if they were at an exciting football match.

Substitute for Supers.

Mr. Tree has invented the gramophone method of supplying sound effects as a substitute for supers. "Last year, when he wanted some discs of Richard III.," said the manager of the Gramophone Company, "he brought all his company here together with swords and chains to add to the realism. 'Since then we have invented various instruments to assist in such work, one of them being a violin with a horn attachment, which plays four times as loud as an ordinary violin."

"We have chimneys, organs, and pianos whose tones have the same volume as a singer's voice."

"This sort of thing goes on now every day. Yesterday the full complement of the Coldstream Guards band played in this room. That is why we are on the top floor. When we tried this on a lower floor nobody in the neighbourhood could work."

THE KING'S OWN FIREMEN.

New Salvage Corps Exclusively for Windsor Castle, Organised by Colonel Fox.

Four new fire salvage hand-wagons will be sent to Windsor Castle to-day for the protection of the priceless pictures and other works of art.

This new move on the part of the Lord Chamberlain, it is stated, is due to His Majesty's desire that nothing shall be left undone to prevent the irreparable loss the destruction of these treasures would be.

The new engines are miniatures of the wagons of the London Salvage Corps. Each will be in charge of a trained fireman, who will have at his command ladders, water-proof sheets to cover valuable property, and buckets, sponges, and scoops. The wagons can easily be run through the state apartments.

Colonel Fox, of the London Salvage Corps, organised this Royal Salvage Corps equipment, and the royal firemen are being trained under the Lord Chamberlain.

Yesterday, as a part of the new training, the new firemen were taken for a five-mile walk in order to break in their new regulation boots.

GREEK DRAMA AT THE COURT.

Miss Wynne Matthison's Striking Success in the "Electra" of Euripides.

"I will speak daggers to her, but use none," said Hamlet of his guilty mother. Electra and Orestes, in the play of Euripides, produced at the Court Theatre yesterday for a series of matinees, use daggers to their mother, thus taking a terrible revenge for her betrayal of their father.

The Greek has been very beautifully and poetically translated by Mr. Gilbert Murray, and some of the acting is well worth seeing, even by those who are not enthusiasts of Hellenic drama.

Miss Edith Wynne Matthison is perfect as Electra; Miss Olive plays Clytemnestra with gloomy force. The men are scarcely so good, but Mr. Lewis Casson and Mr. Herbert Harben both declaim their long speeches with excellent effect.

"JOKE" IN THE WRONG PLACE.

Interlude of an Employer and a Juryman in the Great Music Copyright Case.

There was an interesting interlude at the Old Bailey yesterday in the hearing of the music copyright case, which is dragging out to a great length.

The employer who had written two letters to a juryman, one to the effect that his salary would not be paid if he served, and the other expressing the opinion that the Recorder might as well keep him for a month, was in attendance to give explanations.

He said it was "only a joke," and he did not intend to carry out the suggestion in the letter.

With a reminder that a court of justice was not a place to be treated with contempt, the employer was allowed to go.

The case was again adjourned.

"ACTING MASTER OF THE HOUSE."

Servant-Girl Sues Master and Mistress for Arrest on a Charge of Robbing the Children.

Before Mr. Justice Jelf and a common jury yesterday in the King's Bench Division, the trial took place of an action brought by Annie Furish, a domestic servant of eighteen, against Demosthenes Cartwright and Eleanor Cartwright, residing at Thames Ditton, for damages for malicious prosecution.

The girl's story was to the effect that Mrs. Cartwright accused her of taking 15s. out of the children's cash-box, which she had not done. A Mr. Lawless, whom she was told was master of the house when Mr. Cartwright was away, spoke to her on the subject.

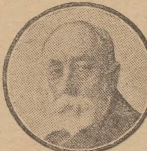
Defendant's counsel: Master of the house?—Judge: I thought she said master of the hounds. (Laughter.)

Witness: He was acting master of the house. The girl further stated that she was arrested, and at the court she was discharged. Case adjourned.

VETERAN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT UNSEATED.



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After many years' service the above members have had the mortification of being discarded by their constituencies.

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Those who are now buying the "Daily Mail" Election Chart should note that another prize of £50 is being offered in connection with the Chart for the best forecast of the results of the General Election. The competition is distinct from that which closed on Monday, but it is exactly on the same lines, the only difference being that the competitors are allowed until January 20 to send in their forecasts, i.e., these forecasts must be received at the "Daily Mail" Office not later than the last post on Saturday night. Further particulars are to be found on the coupon printed on the envelope containing the Chart, which is on sale at all bookstalls, price 1s., or can be obtained direct from the "Daily Mail" Office, 2, Carnarvon House, E.C., post free 1s. 1d.

ATTEMPT TO FAST FOR 45 DAYS.

Disciple of Succi To Undertake a Trying Ordeal in London.

This week Giuseppe Sacco, a Hungarian, will begin, in London, an attempt to exist without food for forty-five days and nights, and thus outdo the achievements of the famous Succi, whose business manager he once was.

Sacco will commence his fast at the Italian Circus at two p.m. to-morrow, and will sit at a table in the centre of a specially-constructed little house, in each side of which is a large window.

"Mr. Sacco smokes from twenty to twenty-five cigarettes a day in his fasting house," his manager told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "and drinks three pint bottles of some mineral water. Every day he loses a pound and a half in weight."

Sacco has twice fasted for forty days—in Berlin three years ago, and in Moscow two years ago. Among his lesser, but none the less remarkable, achievements have been a fast lasting thirty-one days at Dusseldorf, and one for a similar period at Frankfurt-on-Main. At Wiesbaden he fasted for twenty-five days.

While fasting at Halle last October he was challenged by another man to a test of endurance. His rival only held out for twelve days, but Sacco continued for twenty-three, and was presented with a medal in recognition of the achievement. Another medal Sacco wears was a complimentary decoration he received at Magdeburg after going without food for twenty-four days.

No fewer than 2,000 medical men, as well as a large number of ministers of religion of every denomination, have been invited to visit Sacco while he is fasting. A case containing fifty quart bottles and twenty-five pint bottles of a well-known mineral water arrived at Hengler's Circus yesterday for Mr. Sacco. His special glass house is to be placed in the promenade buffet, and it will occupy the present position of the promenade bar, which is to be removed in order to make room for it.

MISCONDUCTED "SLATE CLUBS."

Treasurer Over Whom Committee Has No Control Entrusts the Funds.

No one can wonder that many "slate clubs" end in disaster, if the case of the Victoria Temperance Loan and Investment Society, of Forest Gate, heard at the Old Bailey yesterday, be taken as typical.

Arthur Symons, the founder and treasurer, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for having converted to his own use £269 5s. 9d. belonging to the society.

He said that a committee which had been appointed never met, and had no control over him. The trustee was a lodger at the house of his son, who was the secretary.

It was alleged that Symons had not banked money for two or three years, but had entrusted the money to his son, who had disappeared.

BRILLIANT CONCERT FOR SEAMEN.

Members of the Stock Exchange Orchestral Society at Queen's Hall To-morrow.

The Stock Exchange Orchestral and Choral Society is to give a concert at Queen's Hall to-morrow, in aid of the Seamen's Hospital Society.

An excellent programme has been arranged, and the members hope to be able to give a large sum to this charity, which at present is in great need of funds, owing to recent necessary expenditure.

For the benefit of those unable to attend the concert, and who are willing to assist, the concert committee has opened a list for donations.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. H. C. S. Smith, 13a, Cockspur-street, Pall Mall.

VALUABLE PRIZE FOR AERONAUTS.

Sir David Salomons, Bart., has offered to the Aero Club, of which he is a life member, a valuable prize for the first mechanically-propelled aeroplane constructed in this country which succeeds in flying a given distance and returning to the point of departure.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Stepney's unemployed register yesterday contained the names of over 1,000 local unemployed.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the Hilda will open at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on February 1.

King Edward's Hospital Fund has been augmented by the annual £1,000 subscription of the Clothworkers' Company.

Two memorials alleging non-compliance with standing orders were lodged yesterday against the London and Brighton Motor-way Bill.

Formerly in a Martello tower at Clacton, and now embedded in the cliff, two old guns are to be dug out and mounted as a memorial of the Nelson centenary.

Sir Charles Stanford's new Symphony in E flat, No. 6 (in honour of the life-work of G. F. Watts, R.A.), will be performed by the London Symphony Orchestra at Queen's Hall to-morrow afternoon. The composer will conduct.

The Rev. J. Darlington, vicar of St. Mark's, Kennington, has been so successful in banding together in a religious brotherhood the drivers and conductors of the London County Council trams, that he is now endeavouring to form a sisterhood among the men's wives.

The Admiralty have granted permission to the Motor Yacht Club to fly the blue ensign of his Majesty's Fleet on all registered vessels belonging to members of the club.

The funeral of Sir William Pink, who was five times Mayor of Portsmouth, took place yesterday at Catering, near Portsmouth, the mayor and corporation attending in their robes.

In consequence of his long-continued illness, Lord Justice Mathew has been unable formally to resign his seat in the Appeal Court. The appointment of his successor is therefore delayed.

After leaving £50 each to two nieces, William Smith, who died in Prestwich Workhouse, Manchester, bequeathed the remainder of his estate, about £250, to the Catholic church at Salford.

A "benefit" matinee of unusual excellence in aid of the widow of the late Mr. George Le Brun will take place at the Oxford Music Hall next Monday, when about fifty leading artists have promised their services.

The mail steamer Empress, the last of the type of double-funnelled paddle-steamers in the Dover-Calais service, and holder of the cross-Channel "record" until the turbine steamers were built, was sold yesterday to a Dutch firm.

LIBERAL CHAMPION AT WESTMINSTER.



Captain C. V. C. Hobart, D.S.O., of the Grenadier Guards, who fought the Westminster constituency in opposition to Mr. Burdett-Coutts.

Lieut.-Colonel G. J. Maunsell has died at Babacombe, Torquay, as a result of a hunting accident.

To advertise the attractions of Torquay the corporation have under consideration a scheme which will cost the town £200 a year.

No fewer than 8,465 "verminous" persons were compelled, under the recently passed Act, to undergo thorough cleaning in Marylebone in 1905.

Wireless telegraphy is to be installed in the cruisers attached to the gunnery school ships and in the vessels forming the Particular Service Squadron.

During the voyage of H.M. cruiser Edgar from the West Indies to Sheerness, where she has just arrived, a boy named Cousins was washed overboard and drowned.

Employment in nearly all the principal trades last month, according to a Board of Trade return yesterday, showed considerable improvement as compared with a year ago. But the building trades showed no change.

By direction of the Earl of Crawford, the historic Italian residence known as Villa Palmeri, overlooking the city of Florence, is to be sold in London on May 1. On two occasions Queen Victoria lived at this famous house.

More than sixty sheep have been killed by dogs during the last few days in East Lothian.

It is stated at Aldershot that the Indian Army is to be increased by nearly 100 officers. It is also proposed to increase the establishment of Royal Engineer officers in India.

AMUSEMENTS, CONCERTS, ETC.

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SUICIDE EN FAMILLE.

WHETHER the fact has anything to do with the political crisis or not, it is impossible to say, but there has certainly been a remarkable increase in the number, and a development in the character, of suicides during the last few months.

You may remember that there was recently an epidemic of self-destruction at Dover. The clergy of the neighbourhood, alarmed at the increase in the regrettable habit, put their heads together and came to a decision.

They decided not to read the burial service over any more suicides. That had a most surprising effect. It appeared to act as an incentive. The crime became more frequent, instead of less frequent. A kind of boom in suicides set in until one clergyman thought it desirable to put an end to such a state of things by offering to read the burial service again.

But it is not only the number of these desperate leavetakings, displayed so strangely in the case of Dover, that is worthy of sane men's notice; it is also the confidence with which the executants go to work.

Take what is really a typical case, the case of Mrs. Milner, of Burgess Hill, who died yesterday after being found last Friday in a London hotel half asphyxiated by gas, with her two little children dead beside her. This affair may serve as an instance of the determined manner in which people now take not only their own, but their friends' lives also.

Formerly the victims of despair, as evidence seems to show, made a fair fight before "giving in"; then, like poor Fanny Godwin, fled away into some unlikely corner and ended it all, with perhaps a brief letter—the traditional "few lines"—asking people to forgive and to forget them.

But Mrs. Milner proceeds upon this tragic business after the manner of Nero—artistically, and insists that others—little children who cannot possibly be in a position to judge of the balance between good and evil in life—shall join her. She makes up her own mind about life, decides that it is a hopeless business, goes to the theatre, and then puts an end to herself and her children, too.

Almost all suicide is distressing. It means, if it is to become prevalent in a nation, that the national "grit" is disappearing. It means that many men are getting out of the habit (which nearly all must learn sooner or later) of setting their teeth, squaring their shoulders, and facing trouble as the soldier faces shot. We used to claim that in France, in Paris at any rate, this fighting attitude was less common than here. Absinthe and revolutions had weakened it. Yet we have now a sufficient array of such incidents to show, and the most startling of them all are those, like this of Mrs. Milner, of family suicide, when despair becomes like some contagious sickness and drags others into darkness with it.

"One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward," wrote Browning, as an old man after many sorrows, speaking of himself. Can we as a nation say the same? How many of us can say so in these days, when all is forgiven to "nerves" and "break-downs" and other signs of moral, as well as physical, collapse?

If we want to keep to Browning's attitude, instead of "turning our backs," like the poor woman who died yesterday, we must try to get something of that conviction which inspired it, the conviction that men

Are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake.

O. W.

COMMENTS ON THE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 4, BOTH FROM "A CONSERVATIVE" AND FROM "A LIBERAL."

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Love is at the beginning and end of all things.—
J. M. Blake.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE election results announced yesterday and this morning only confirm the verdict given at Ipswich and at Manchester. Nobody could contest the triumph gained by the new Government. The forces of the older Toryism seem to have disappeared. Lord Hugh Cecil's defeat is perhaps the most regrettable of the kind. He is a witty speaker and staunch to his convictions, but neither he nor anybody else seems to have the power to stand against the formidable wave of reaction now sweeping over the country.

In the face, especially, of the huge majorities secured by the Labour Party, even the most hopeful of Tories could hardly talk any longer, as Disraeli did, of holding the democrats in check, or, as Lord Derby put it during his term as Prime Minister, of "stemming the democratic tide." Successive Reform Bills, a continual widening of the electorate, education cheap (and occasionally also nasty) have done their work.

Some of the rises and falls of the past few days ought not to pass without comment. Old parli-

amentary Vivian, though a Liberal, fails at Deptford—only polls 720 votes, while the Labour candidate, Mr. C. W. Bowerman, gets in with a majority of 1,289 against the Unionist. Yet the support given to Mr. Vivian by a hero of the moment, Mr. Winston Churchill, ought to have done a good deal for him. Perhaps Mr. Vivian's old enthusiasm for the legitimist cult; perhaps the consequent anxiety of the league for securing the Protestant succession to the throne; perhaps those wreaths, also, deposited at the statue of the "Martyr King," had something to do with his discomfiture.

Lord O'Hagan, who has just been appointed private secretary to Lord Tweedmouth at the Admiralty, is one of the very eligible young men who occupy more or less prominent positions in society. He is only twenty-four, and succeeded to his title in 1900. He has a charming seat in Essex, Pyrgo Park, and there Lady O'Hagan, his mother, helps him to entertain the college friends or others whom he occasionally asks down for the shooting.

Lady O'Hagan, by the way, is a daughter of the late Colonel Towneley and she inherited the

JOHN BULL'S MUSICAL CHAIRS: SOME DISAPPOINTED PLAYERS.



The old type of M.P., who regarded the House of Commons as a pleasant club to which only members of the indolent class should be admitted, is raising great lamentation over the election results. So far the indolent-class candidates have been getting badly left. The new House will consist very largely of M.P.'s of an abler and more strenuous type.

members will, for instance, regret the exclusion of Sir Albert Rollit from South Islington. He has represented the division since 1888—just twenty years of service. I do not suppose that Sir Albert ever said anything precisely epoch-making in the House. I have frequently heard him rise when the benches have been almost empty, so that I have wondered whether there were a quorum, and voice some sound opinion into the inane air with a commendable indifference as to whether anybody heard it—provided it got stated in properly measured form.

An extraordinary thing about Sir Albert Rollit is his predilection for presidencies, vice-presidencies, and honorary distinctions of Orders, foreign or home made. He cannot surely know himself exactly how many societies he is, or has been, supposed to direct. His position is really, in this respect, like that of kings, who ask their guests to wait, before dining out with any society, club, or regiment: "Am I a member?" "Yes, sir." "Then get out the uniform at once."

There are plenty of other instructive results besides those at Islington and Greenwich. Mr.

famous Towneley estates in Lancashire, which had been in that family for hundreds of years. But she and her son decided almost at once to sell these great possessions and to buy a place in Essex, further from smoke, noise, and crime than a home in manufacturing Lancashire has a chance of being nowadays.

The new series of plays at the Royalty Theatre have introduced several very eminent French actors to London. I do not think Mme. Lara, for instance, has been seen here before. She is one of the most delightful players on the French stage, and is unusually versatile. She was admirable in a tragic passage of Lavedan's "Catherine," and her Desdemona in the French version of "Othello" was a creation full of poetry.

Maurice de Féraudy is also capable of extraordinary changes. We hope to see him in "Business Is Business" very soon. There he is broad, hard, cynical. Yet, in "Le Torrent," by Maurice Donnay, he was to perfection the typical mild old Abbé of country places in France, pouring out quantities of Roman Catholic advice upon the misguided heroine of the play.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

IMMORTALITY FOR ANIMALS.

It would be wiser if intellectual people would inquire thoughtfully whether there is immortality for man, instead of for beast. One quotation from the Bible is enough to settle the question for ever. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." If immortality is the gift through Christ, it cannot be inherent in man, and, therefore, not in animal, unless it can be proved that Jesus Christ died for the life of the animal as he did for us. F. Beck.

Adelaide-square, Bedford.

In answer to your correspondent "G. V.," I do not think immortality is attainable by anyone. It is not a thing to be attained, but is the existence—after the death of the body—of the immaterial parts of any human being; their personality, consciousness, intellect, moral and emotional faculties.

Bishop Welldon, in his work, "The Hope of Immortality," gives some very good reasons to show his belief in the immortality of animals. He also says: "Christian Theology, it must be admitted, has been too exclusively occupied with the influence of redemption upon humanity. The truer view is that, as all creation, i.e., every creature, is mysteriously implicated in man's fall, so all creation is participant in his redemption." Elliot-gardens, W. E. C. R.

I asked the Rev. Theodore Wood, F.Z.S., the celebrated naturalist, to express an opinion on this subject. His opinion is decidedly interesting.

I think this correspondence is very good, and I am very glad you have started it. HENRY MOXON, R.S.P.C.A.

Late Secretary Cambridge University Branch, 34, Rutland-gardens, Hove.

Dear Mr. Moxon, I have no time to write a long letter, but I may say that my belief in animal immortality is based upon two points.

(1) That life is always represented in Holy Scripture as imparted, not created; God Himself being the sole source of life. Hence His name, "I am," and his designation by the Hebrews as the "Living God." And of St. John v., 26: "This being so life obviously cannot be destroyed."

(2) St. Paul's argument in Romans viii., 22-23. Animals are clearly regarded by the Apostle as destined to share, in the future, in the benefit of redemption as compensation for the fact that they have been involved in the consequence of man's fall. In this connection Rev. v., 13, is interesting. THEODORE WOOD.

The Vicarage, Tyford-road, Wandsworth Common.

PROVIDENCE AND THE ELECTIONS.

"John o' Willenden," through his statement that this world is governed by fixed immutable laws, acknowledges therefore a law-maker, and a director of these laws.

If, then, all these laws have been so framed as to work out for the general and individual good, how can those who deliberately break them hope to share in the help afforded by them?

The remark at the end seems to give an idea that God should be outside His kingdom and interfere when He thought things were going wrong, instead of in the midst of His creations, guiding and helping those who look to Him for aid. F. B. Wiverton-road, Sydenham.

TAX EMPTY HOUSES.

I think a good question to be brought before our new Parliament would be the taxing of empty houses.

House property is sometimes empty for months, and even years, because the greedy owners want more than they are offered. Rather than let under the high price they ask, they will sometimes allow their property to go to ruin.

If they were compelled to pay rates and taxes it would make them more eager to let, and also more ready to study their tenants' convenience and comfort, besides lessening the rates and taxes of the people, and saving local authorities a lot of trouble. OBSERVER.

London, S.W.

THIEVES AND RECEIVERS.

The buying of stolen property is illegal, and therefore why should not the purchasers of pirated music be prosecuted?

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If a wistaria is planted against a laburnum, an exquisite combination of flowers will result, while the brilliant clematises are perfectly at home among the branches of trees.

Passion flowers, honeysuckles, and even the Virginian creeper will make old apple and other trees things of much beauty, though it must be remembered that the subjects on which climbers are trained will scarcely be benefited. E. F. T.

PICTURES OF THE DAYS

NEWS

THE FIRST LADY VOTER AT THE ELECTION.



Miss Alwyn Bussey, of 66, Wells-street, a well-known teacher of German songs, was, by some mistake, placed on the register for East Marylebone. After some discussion, the polling officer granted her a voting paper, and her vote was recorded in due course. On the right is a photograph of her voting notice.

COL. WELBY AND HIS CHILDREN IN FINSBURY.



Accompanied by his wife and children, Colonel Welby drove through East Finsbury. Hanging from the carriage was the above placard, "Vote for Dada."

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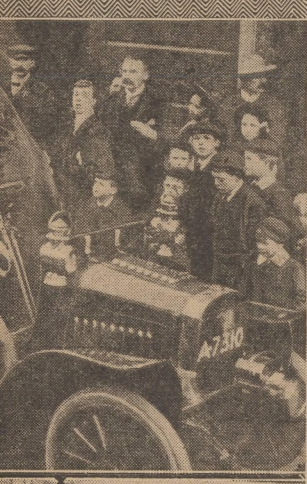
CHILDREN'S KEEN INTEREST



As the county schools are used for polling places the children take the liveliest interest in the proceedings. (1) Children sitting on the right of motor-car, at Battersea—he is at Lewisham watching their fathers' voting in their school; and (4) Mr. John Burns's Boys Brigade at Battersea and e

PHOTOGRAPHS.

THE LONDON ELECTIONS.



granted a whole holiday on the day of the election to cheer their favourite candidates. (1) Mr. Benn, an admiring group of children; (2) children and youthful canvassers for Dr. Aveling at Lewisham paraded the streets, decorated with posters

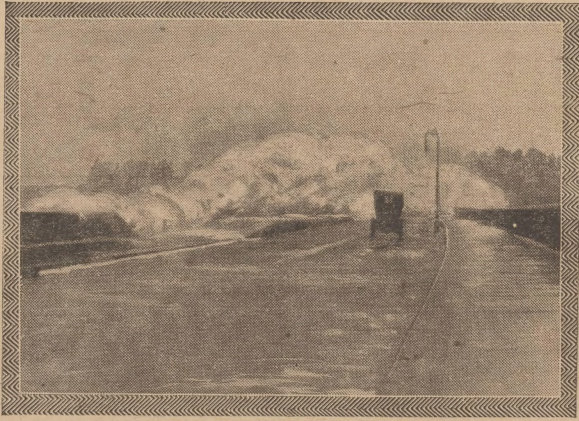
CAMERAGRAPHS OF CURRENT EVENTS

WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES IN INDIA.



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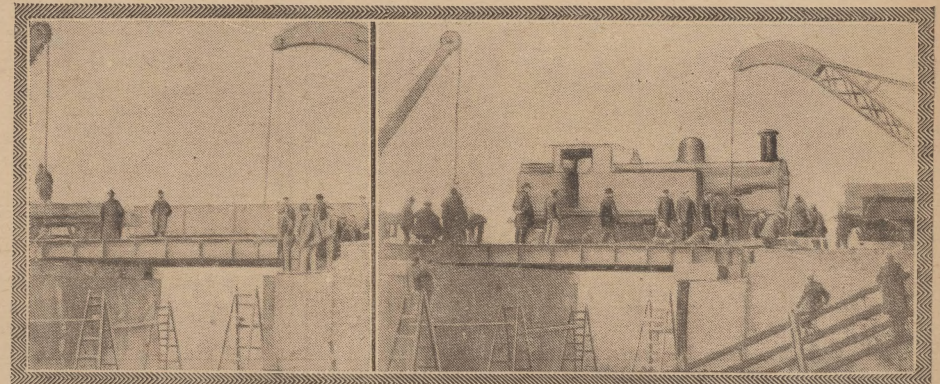
Snapshot taken by Mr. H. A. Garratt, the borough surveyor of Torquay, of the Royal Hotel motor-omnibus running the gauntlet in a storm along the seafront from the railway station. It is only during exceptional weather that such a sight is seen at Torquay.

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THE BROKEN LAW.

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CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

GEORGE CRAWSHAY, a wealthy bachelor of forty, had just left an English estate, where he had been two months to live. Crawshaw had spent an easy life of pleasure, but he cared little that it was to end. Yet his life held no more for him. He had been ten years in an endeavour to take vengeance on a man, and he had failed completely. Now, when death was close to him, he had not even known the name of the man whose destruction he had sought and planned—the man who had betrayed his step-son. As Crawshaw sat gloomily contemplating the future, a search, he was interrupted by the arrival of his friend.

SIR RICHARD GAUNT, a brutal, unscrupulous man of evil reputation, known as "Rakell" Gaunt. Crawshaw told him of the result of his interview with the specialist, and also of the futile search he had been making for the man on whom he longed to be revenged. Then he made a proposition that amazed Gaunt. He knew the impetuous state of the spendthrift, and offered him £20,000 on condition that he undertook to hunt down the man and ruin him after he (Crawshaw) was dead. But Gaunt, unscrupulous as he is, would not consent to this monstrous scheme.

Rakell Gaunt gave a dinner at his flat.

LORD CARFAW and **George Crawshaw** were his guests, and **CYNTHIA PARADISE**, a beautiful Moroccan girl, was dancing for them. The night had all been drinking heavily, particularly Lord Carfax, whose familiar manner with Cynthia Paradise provoked Gaunt to seize an empty bottle and strike him. Lord Carfax fell heavily, his head striking against the fender. When Crawshaw examined the fallen man, he found he was dead.

Gaunt was horrified at what he had done; but Crawshaw, drawing him aside, told him that he (Crawshaw) would say he committed the murder—if Gaunt would consent to the scheme already proposed to him, and hunt down the man he wants to be revenged upon. This Gaunt swore to do.

Crawshaw is arrested for manslaughter and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He dies in prison, leaving Gaunt £20,000 and box containing notes and clues he has collected during his search.

Gaunt picked up a diary and opened it, and the first name that caught his eye was that of **Vivian Drake**. Then he laughed out loud, almost hysterically like a woman. The search, which might have lasted a lifetime, was already over.

The man he had sworn to ruin and bound to death was well-known to him. It was, in fact, Sir Richard Gaunt himself.

He feels relieved at once. His task is over. The idea of ruining himself he regards as absurd, and thinks he is extremely lucky in escaping a search that might have lasted years. He goes to the country to see his mother.

LADY GWENDOLEN GAUNT, with whose rich ward, **LADY BETTY DRAKE**, he wishes to revive an old love affair. Sir Richard asks Lady Betty to be his wife; but she refuses. He finds afterwards that he does not love her as much as he thought he did, and is glad she refused him.

Lady Gaunt dies. A few days after the funeral Sir Richard announces his intention of returning to town; but Lady Betty asks him to stay. She tells him she has changed her mind, and will marry him.

CHAPTER VIII. (continued).

Gaunt was too dumfounded to form a suitable reply. He was caught in a trap from which he could not escape with honour. He had asked her, in a moment of passion, to be his wife. He had not told her that he had altered his mind. Yet he knew that he must speak at once. He realised all that the occasion demanded of him.

"It would be wicked," he stammered. "It would be too great a sacrifice. You are saying this out of pity, Bet. You do not love me. You said you didn't love me. I cannot accept such a sacrifice. I am not fit—no, Bet, it is sweet and good of you, but I should be a brute to take advantage of your kindness. For it is only kindness, it is not love."

"Then you did not mean—that you said on Aran Crawshaw?"

"Yes, yes," he replied hastily, "of course I meant it, but I should never have said it. I cannot accept your sacrifice. You do not know all that has happened in the past."

"I do not want to know. If you will stay here for a year, and lead the life of a good man, I will marry you at the end of the year."

The man looked round him like a hunted animal. He was too great a coward to speak the truth. Was there no way of escape? Could he not still preserve his freedom and some shred of honour? Then he saw that there was only one way of retreat.

"I'll marry," he said softly, "I shall marry a woman who loves me."

He looked at her tenderly. He knew that he had chosen a sap and open road.

"I do love you," she replied in a whisper. "Yes, Dick, I do love you, in spite of everything."

For a moment there was a look of fear on his face, but the woman did not see it, for her head was bowed in shame. She had lied, or she thought that she had lied, for she did not know that no woman will sacrifice herself for a man unless she loves him.

Then he made the best of matters, and did the only thing possible. He caught her in his arms, kissed her passionately, and whispered words of love.

CHAPTER IX. The Furies.

Three months passed, and Sir Richard Gaunt was still at Gaunt Royal.

His engagement to Lady Betty Drake had not yet been announced to the world. At her own suggestion it was not to be published till he had

served six months of what he called his "imprisonment," and he was only too glad to fall in with the suggestion.

It is characteristic of men like Sir Richard that, however callous and shameless they may be in their dealings with women in a lower station, they draw the line at any act of open treachery towards a woman of their own class. This kind of honour belongs rather to a social than a moral code; but, whatever the motive from which it springs, it is very real and binding.

Every hour that Sir Richard passed in his Welsh home was a period of unmitigated dullness. Days and nights were equally dreary and uninteresting.

But, in spite of his unquenchable dislike of country life, he endeavoured to keep his word to Lady Betty. When they parted on the morning of their betrothal, she had asked him to stay at Gaunt Royal till he had served his year of probation. In the excitement of the moment, and the hot passion which her beauty and love had stirred in his heart, he had promised to do this. Other men lived in the country, and could not be persuaded to leave it. He thought it just possible that he might get used to the life, and become a sporting squire.

He was soon undeceived. There was but little game to shoot, and his efforts with the gun were ludicrously unsuccessful. As a boy he had promised to become a good shot, but years of excess had affected his nerve and eyesight, and he made himself as ridiculous as any Cockney sportsman out for a holiday. He could not face ridicule, and one day, after missing an easy shot with both barrels, he flung his gun over the edge of the cliff into the sea.

He was an equal failure on horseback. He did not care for jogging along the roads, and his first day with the hounds showed him that another attempt might cost him his life. The steep hills, strewn with stones, the precipices which often checked the man in the full swing of a sharp run, were not suitable country for anyone who had lost his nerve.

He then bought a motor-car, but here again he paid the penalty of long years of vice. That nerve which is required in almost every form of outdoor sport was again wanting. The swift turn of a corner, the long sweep down an incline, sickened him. He could have gone slowly, but that touched the other extreme, and was more wearisome. For a man in his frame of mind and body there was no organ. His brain wanted excitement, but his body was not equal to the strain of bearing it.

And so, in turn, all physical amusements failed. He learnt to loathe all the beauties of Nature, and the scenery, unsurpassed even in the grandest district of Wales, positively irritated him. He hated the fine display of woodland and mountain range. The dark cliffs and the grey sea, though more acceptable, inasmuch as they did not seem so like a prison wall, were poor substitute for the noise and glare of a city. The whole scheme of nature jarred on his mind, and by degrees he began to spend much of his time indoors, and was driven back on the resources of his mind.

These, as may be imagined, were not vast. He had no love for books, and was incapable of interesting himself in music or art. He finally, after a struggle to master a heap of novels from Mudie's, relapsed into a phase of absolute idleness, and spent most of the day musing by the fireside, with a pipe in his mouth, and a brandy and soda by his side.

And then came the new devil, which was to take the place of the one which Lady Betty had striven to exorcise. A vicious mind, deprived of one form of vice, is a field ripe for the acceptance of another. Sir Richard Gaunt had much to think about, and plenty of time for thought. Unfortunately, his thoughts were of that nature which require solace and sometimes demand oblivion. Both solace and oblivion were to be found in alcohol, and he saw that it was plainly destined to be a true friend through all his dreary months to come.

Sir Richard had for several years drunk more than was good for him, but he had never drunk so with any more definite object in view than that of reviving his wasted physical energies. Now, however, he began to drink steadily from morning to night. The effect of this was not gaiety nor even cheerfulness, but in the early parts of the day he experienced a certain contempt for every form of annoyance, and later on he relapsed into a dull stupor, in which his brain was practically asleep.

It was only in the early mornings that he was able to consider things clearly, and he gradually began to dread these brief glimpses of the realities of life. He did not suffer from the conventional headache or any of the physical discomforts which follow on a night's debauch. His body, it is true, was devoid of all energy, but his mind was active enough, and its activity was so painful to him that he endeavoured to subdue it at the earliest opportunity. There was often a brandy and soda on his dressing-table.

During these brief periods of lucidity, he was troubled by two matters, each of them at first distinct, but likely to become fused together owing to the way in which they alternated in his brain. The first was his marriage with Lady Betty.

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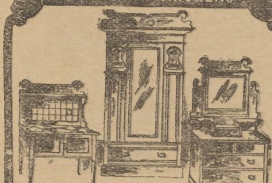
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With children's parties it is a case of Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. A year or two ago Lady Pembroke started the idea of having an afternoon party for babies under three, in the very height of the season.

To this feast of the Innocents, that bright day in June, came a bevy of babies, the majority accompanied by their nurses and their bottles. A week or two later Lady Pembroke gave a dance for school-room boys and girls, ranging from the ages of fourteen to sixteen. Both parties were hailed with acclamation, but they did not create

to have a present of some sort to take home with him from a party. So, what in place of the time-honoured tree is the best substitute as a vehicle for the distribution of toys and pretty things?

For younger children a Jack Horner pie is a good idea. A great pie-dish, three or four feet long, is made of wires twisted in shape, with a number of small gifts tied up, each one fastened to a ribbon which hangs out over the sides of the wire pie-dish. The whole is then covered with paper roses pasted all over the outside. The children dance round the table, on which the pie is set, singing as they go hand in hand, "Little Jack Horner, sat in a corner," etc.

At the words, "He put in his thumb," each catches a hold of a ribbon and pulls out a plum, and all cry then in unison, "Oh! What a good boy (or girl) am I?"

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a precedent. Up till then the ordinary "juvenile party," as it was ever called, had been held for children, roughly speaking, from the ages of four to fourteen; and after Lady Pembroke's parties for infants and children of a larger growth had enjoyed the success of a nine days' wonder, the old order of winter parties for children of the intermediate ages was once again resumed.

January and February are the regulation months for children's parties, and the question is how they are to be amused at them.

Great Run on Conjurers.

Someone said the other day that children were more troublesome to entertain than grown-up people, since they demanded so much more; but that, after all, if only sufficient games were thought out beforehand, so that one might follow another without "the dreadful pause which chills enthusiasm," the fatal words, "What are we going to do now?" need never be heard.

This winter there is a great run on conjurers, more particularly on an Austrian prestidigitateur of uncanny cleverness. Lady Wernher called in the services of a baby elephant from a well-known circus, with whom all the children at her party fell in love, and she was wise in her generation, since performing animals, like conjurers, are ever a sure delight to the little folks.

It is late in the day to have Christmas trees, but never breathed the child who did not rejoice

about the drawing-room. Each child is given a slip to match his bundle, which, when found, contains a gift adapted to his age or tastes.

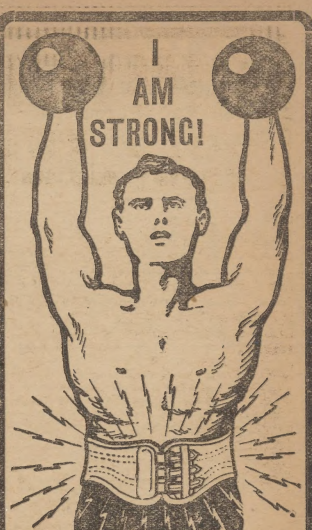
In F.-is they are having butterfly parties. The hostess provides wings, but only for the girls, as the boys are not allowed to be butterflies! The wings are made of transparent gelatine, or of coloured tissue and painted papers, and are fastened on to the shoulders of the little girls.

A flower party, though not new, is still the prettiest of all entertainments for children. As roses and lilies and poppies the girls look sweet. They may wear any ordinary white or coloured dress, and have the flower skirt of crêpe de Chine or muslin sewn lightly over the underskirt.

Each girl wears a wreath of the same flower of which her dress is composed, and carries a staff with flowers tied to it. Each boy is dressed companionably in dark leaf green, and has his coat a. I skirt, or knickerbockers, cut in the form of rose or other leaves.

Another idea is to give a fairy party, to which all the children invited come as fairies and pixies. Sweets and bunches of flowers are distributed among them during the course of the evening.

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